

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>June 10, 2020</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2020-106-A</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u>2020-417</u>

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2020-106-A - Actions in Response to COVID-19 - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Requests of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition and United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink for Clarification of Commission Order No. 2020-372, Regarding Both Those Telecommunications Utilities Not Having Rates Approved by the Commission As Well As Those Having Elected to Be Regulated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576, Concerning Applicability of the Order's Requirement to Track Financial Impacts Resulting from COVID-19.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition and CenturyLink request clarification that certain telephone utilities be exempt from the requirement to keep track of the financial impacts of the COVID-19 virus as required by Order No. 2020-372. These telephone companies either do not have rates regulated by the Commission or have elected to be regulated under South Carolina Code Annotated Section 58-9-576. Since these Companies are not regulated based on their costs or earnings, SCTC and CenturyLink maintain it is unnecessary for the Commission to evaluate the impact of COVID-19, similar to the exception that was extended to them by Order No. 2018-308 regarding their exemption to tracking the financial impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Move to grant clarification of Order No. 2020-372 as requested by SCTC and CenturyLink and move that we hold that the clarification applies to SCTC member companies, CenturyLink, and all other telecommunications companies whose rates are not regulated by the Commission or which have elected to be regulated under S.C. Code Annotated Section 58-9-576.

I further move that these telecommunication companies not be required to track revenue impacts, incremental costs, and savings related to COVID-19, nor would they be required to file such findings on a quarterly basis as otherwise required for utilities under Order No. 2020-372.

PRESIDING: Randall

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		voting via videoconference

HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	voting via videoconference
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	voting via videoconference
WHITFIELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	voting via videoconference
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military Leave

Absent

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

